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**Comments of Public Citizen Regarding FMCSA-2001-11060:  
Certification of Safety Auditors, Safety Investigators, and Safety  
Inspectors Interim Final Rule with Request for Comments, 67 FR  
12776 *et seq.*, March 19, 2002**

Public Citizen appreciates the opportunity to comment regarding the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) proposal to provide for the certification of safety auditors, investigators, and inspectors. The interim final rule is fatally flawed in that the agency refuses to allow the public to comment on the training requirements currently posted on the FMCSA web site.

Public Citizen is shocked that the agency has not chosen to submit its training requirements for public comment. While it is possible that these requirements might change over time, as FMCSA argues, that does not preclude gathering the advice and analysis of the public. We ask the agency to immediately ask for public evaluation and comment on the training requirements, as these are truly the substance of the rulemaking.

Respectfully Submitted,

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